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International Sunday School Lessons, Sunday-School Conventions, Etc.

Bro. Campbell:

—was here some time since, in the interest of a Union Sabbath-school Convention. The thing has not been known how it will end. Will you give your views through the Record on the subject? Are there such Conventions in other States? and are the Baptists engaged in them? What about the International Bible Lessons? Any compromise of principle?

The above letter has come to this office. We will answer and explain according to our own knowledge and views.

In many of the States there are Union Sabbath-school Conventions, which meet for the purpose of discussing the ways and means of Sunday-school work. Baptists unite in these discussions, as we judge, very properly. This involves no sacrifice of principle, on our part. These Conventions also send delegates to the International Convention, which, through committees, make out a course of study for the schools. They do not prepare the lessons, however; this is done by persons, in the several denominations; and, as many schools as like them, adopt the expositions furnished by their own writers.

But ought Baptists to have anything to do with these union efforts? We think they ought. Many of our brethren will differ from us in this, but no matter, we think Baptists ought to favor, and help to control, one of the grandest movements of the age. It may be well to say that we once thought we ought to do much against this way, but we have learned something in five years.

In the first place, there can be no wrong, or sacrifice of principle, in our agreeing with Pedobaptists to recommend a certain course of Bible study, especially if that course will take us over the most important parts of the Scripture. If a Presbyterian, a Methodist, a Baptist, and an Episcopalian, living neighbors to each other, should agree to study, at the same time, the same Scriptures, where would the harm? This is the whole business, in a nut shell.

But what is the advantage of the plan? We would there is none in the simple idea of union. There is a great deal of advantage, however, in the fact that, by this plan we come to a more general, and, therefore, correct knowledge of the Scriptures than by any other. Most people have their hobbies in religion, as in other things. They read and study those parts of the Bible, which appear to sustain their views. How much of Election do our Hard-shell brethren know, and how little of other equally important doctrines? Arminians know the texts that teach human accountability, but they blink Election and God's sovereignty. Campbellites, commencing at Acts 11:18, know the way to every baptizing place in the New Testament; but no people we have ever met are more deficient in a general knowledge of the Scriptures. A great many Baptists know more of water than they do of grace. One-sidedness is what is the matter with the Christian world.

A modern writer speaks mournfully of the fact that, in Rome one of the grandest and most interesting of all the ancient temples, was being taken down, stone by stone, and used to construct private palaces for the petty nobility of Italy. This, in effect, has been done to the temple of God's truth. People have taken as much of it as they liked, and have constructed systems of religion to suit themselves. The International system goes a long way towards curing this evil. It takes us out of the grooves, and will certainly result in the people's knowing more of the Scriptures.

Baptists, above all others, should favor such a plan; because, the Bible is so studied. We have every man to gain and nothing to lose, unless we hold some heresies, and in that case, we will gain by our loss.

But is there not danger, that those Scriptures which especially teach Baptist doctrine, will be avoided in making out the schedule of studies? We once objected on this account, but upon reflection we are confident that there is no danger of that sort. The men who have the matter in hand, are men of great character, and are acting under the eyes of the world. Great men rarely quibble. Only those who have no reputation at stake, and are men of weak character, dodge. For this reason, all the great scholars among Pedobaptists rightly define baptists, while the lesser ones among them will not hesitate to dispute the meaning of the word as given by their own scholars. For a thief will not steal if he knows there are a thousand eyes on him, much less will honorable Pedobaptists of reputation fail to quarrel with all the world looking at

them. There is no reason to fear that we will not be fairly dealt with. There is still another reason why we approve this plan. As we go over the same lessons with our Pedobaptist neighbors and friends, we will watch them and they will watch us. We will all bear watching. There is more or less of partisan spirit in all people. We are all under temptation to draw from a Scripture, frequently some pet doctrine, which it does not teach. We will be a mutual restraint upon each other. Once more: As people in the same communities, are studying the same lessons, there will be frequent interchanges of views, and little discussions which will advance the truth. To conclude, if Baptists are right, this is the very thing for them; and if they are not, then it is the thing for them, for they may get right by getting out of the ruts.

Gulf Coast Association.

This Association is composed of the churches of New Orleans, Mobile, and the districts lying between and immediately around these places. There are, in all, eighteen churches. It is a singular fact that the Association stretches out one hundred and forty miles, and embraces churches in three States. It therefore properly belongs to no State Convention. That part of it lying in Mississippi and Louisiana will represent itself in the Mississippi State Convention, while the Alabama churches will cooperate with the Convention of that State. The object in forming the body, was to bring the Baptists of the Coast region into sympathy and cooperation with each other.

The Association met in its first annual session at Moss Point, on the 24th inst. The churches were generally represented. Dr. N. W. Wilson, of the Coliseum Place church, New Orleans, was made Moderator; Marion B. Richmond, of Senatobia, editor of the *Democrat Star*, was made Clerk; and Geo. A. Pearce, of the Palmetto street church, Mobile, was made Treasurer.

The Introductory Sermon was preached Friday night by Dr. Wilson, from John 3:7—"Ye must be born again." The theme, of course, was regeneration. We never heard that great doctrine presented in a stronger manner. The congregation gave excellent attention, and we think good must result.

Bro. Wilson said that he had chafed at that subject because, now, regeneration, more than any other doctrine, must be insisted upon. It is the special work of this Association to contend for a converted church membership, because no other denomination about us insists upon regeneration, as a condition of church-membership. Some object to this statement, but it is sadly true.

MISSIONS.

The Gulf Coast Association is a missionary body. It is provided in the constitution that, only those churches shall represent themselves in the annual meeting which have contributed something to missions during the previous twelve months. Is this not right? But this is in accordance of the position usually occupied by our Associations.

Appropos to the above, it was shown that, during the year just closed, the churches had contributed to all missions nearly, if not quite, \$1,000 per member. This is indeed a fine showing. While it speaks well for the past, it gives promise for the future. We have never met a body fuller of the missionary spirit.

HOME MISSIONS.

Dr. Wilson presented a fine report on Home Missions. The great destitution of this field was discussed. From facts recited it is doubtful, if there is, in the United States, a more promising or destitute field of missionary labor. The Association cannot do to a title of what ought to be done at once, hence, an appeal was made to the Home Mission Board for men and money. We hope the appeal will be heeded. After some discussion the report was adopted.

Our State Mission Board has been doing work on the Coast, between Mobile and New Orleans. The success of our labors here is of such a character as to fill us with glad surprise. In the midst of a great moral and social crisis, there are some people, supporting, but sources of strength to the denomination. At Handsboro, Ocean Springs and Moss Point, we have beautiful homes of worship, and active, progressive churches. Two other homes will be built soon. Everywhere the outlook is cheering. There is a wonderful drift toward our (the Bible) faith. Multitudes of Catholics have slipped the bridle wherein the priests have held them in, and now go to hear the Word of God. Some are converted and baptized. The non-Catholic population is being permeated by gospel influences. Truly a great gain has been accomplished; still, there is need of pushing and extending our missionary enterprises in this vast and important and destitute field. New Orleans should at once be made the seat of a holy warfare, on a large scale. There ought to be a dozen missions planted in that great emporium of the Southwest. There is no place like it for mission-

ry effort. It is the base of operations for Mexico, Central and South America, and the West India Isles. It is to be feared that there is a great deal of the Lord's money in Baptist pockets, or wasted, that ought to be sustaining missions in the Lower Mississippi Valley, especially in New Orleans.

The Executive Committee of the Association is located in Mobile, where there are many true and noble Baptists. We never saw a better delegation than was present from Mobile, Lowrey, Bussy, Spence, Thames, Pearce, Hudson, Carter, etc., are men to love and rely on, when work is to be done.

THE BIBLE CAUSE.

was presented in a good report by Eld. H. C. Weymouth, of the First church, New Orleans. Bro. W. followed in a practical speech enforcing the importance of the work of distributing the Scriptures. The South-western Bible Society was especially and warmly commended. Bro. Wilson showed specimen copies of the Scriptures, sold by the Society so cheap that nearly any one might have a Bible. Think of a Bible with family record for only thirty-five cents! We commend the work of this Society.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Superintendent George A. Pearce, of Mobile, presented an admirable report on Sunday-school work. Taking it all together, we have never heard one so full and good. There was some good speaking on the subject. Nearly every church in the Association has a school, and are all doing well. Over in Alabama, there is a school in the country, superintended and taught by an earnest young sister. This is a noble example for others to follow. Bro. Pearce will please give her our respects and Christian love.

Saturday night a mass meeting was held in the interest of missions. Bro. Lowrey, of Mobile, opened the discussion, followed, and Secretary Walne closed with a collection amounting to more than one hundred dollars.

In all respects the meeting was a good one. Harmony of feeling and action characterized all the doings of the body. A spirit of devotion to the Master's work prevailed in all the sessions. The hospitality of the people was everywhere. The next session will be held at Handsboro, Friday before the Fourth Sabbath in May, 1879.

Notes of Travel.

We left Clinton on 22nd inst., en route for the Gulf Coast Association.

New Orleans we spent the night with Bro. Wood, of the firm of Beadles, Wood & Co., commission merchants. We preached, or tried to preach, in the First church at night. Met quite a number of earnest brethren and sisters. The brethren say there is a more hopeful future for this church. We hope so. Next morning, in company with the New Orleans delegation, we set out for Moss Point. The New Orleans & Mobile Railroad is one of the best in the South. For quite a distance we ran through a low, marshy country. We noticed many alligators in their native waters. By and by we came to dry land, and in view of the Gulf. The scenery is lovely. Broad inlets or rivers and beautiful villages are seen, mainly the summering places of the people of New Orleans and Mobile. As we were running thirty or forty miles an hour, we saw a dog trying to keep up with us. He had doubtless been in the habit of following wagons. With all his howling and effort, we left him behind. More than dogs will be left behind in these days of railroads. Men with their eyes in the backs of their heads will fail him to that dog.

At Senatobia we stopped. Moss Point is four miles away, up the river. As soon as you look around, you are troubled to know whether you are in the country or in town. From Pascagoula, on the Gulf, to Moss Point, six miles distant, the same trouble meets you. The houses are too far apart for town and too close together for country. It is there is any place between the country and town, Pascagoula, Senatobia, and Moss Point are just there. Along the coast and river there are some three thousand people. This is the great lumber market of the coast. There are some fifteen mills within a short distance of the Point. The logs to supply them are floated down from the far interior. Vessels from many parts of the world, enter Pascagoula harbor and bear away some three or four millions of dollars worth of lumber annually. This trade, however, has been greatly injured by the log skidders.

We were entertained by Mr. Clay Tangle and his excellent wife. These are good Methodist people, and treated us most kindly. May the Lord reward them. We had for our companion Capt. Butterworth, of the United States Monitor, "Canonicus," which is now stationed at New Orleans. Bro. Butterworth is from the neighborhood of Boston. He is a thorough and well-informed Baptist, a Christian, and a gentleman. Coming to New Orleans, he at once sought out the Baptist church, and united with it, heart and hand. He has greatly endeared himself to the church and pastor. Such brethren are welcome to our hearts, homes, and churches, whether they wear blue or black, or whether they had from Massachusetts or South Carolina.

This is a pleasant place to live. We write in full view of the great Gulf.

We preached Sunday night the sea-shore, and remained through the waves most of his life. Mrs. Hall is an earnest Maine list, who, though for years surrounded by Catholics and Episcopals, can be nothing but a Baptist.

Next morning we paid our respects to the Gulf, in the way of a toast. This is an interesting country. Its chief products are "tar, pitch, turpentine," lumber, fish, oysters, oranges, and lately, Baptists.

The above should have appeared last week, but was delayed by the mails. Below we continue our notes. The Association over, we gave a day to writing up our notes, and sisters who were spending the day with Bro. M. B. Richmond and family. Bro. Richmond is a strong Baptist, and edits one of the best papers in the State. Anyone wishing to know about the Association, should take the *Democrat Star*, published at Senatobia.

We learn from Bro. Magdick, Missionary of the General Association, that his work is of a most encouraging character. The people hear the Word gladly. There is, however, more destitution than he can supply, especially, as he can only a part of his time to the work.

Leaving Senatobia in company with Eld. B. W. Bussy, pastor of Read Street church, Mobile, and sister Bussy, also Bro. Wharton. We made a pleasant run to Mobile. Here we parted from our pleasant company and took passage on the Mobile & Ohio Road to Escatawpa. At the depot we were met and welcomed by our brother, Eld. O. D. Bowen, of Shubuta, who had run down to meet us, and conduct us through his field of labor.

Pleasant lodgings were waiting us at Bro. Joe Grisham's, who, with his excellent wife, is of South Carolina stock. We had the good fortune to be born in that State; so we claim kin. There is a small but growing church at this place. Tuesday night we preached to a good congregation, took some subscriptions for the Record had a good hand-shaking, and left on the night train for Moss Point.

At State Line we were conducted, by Eld. Bowen, to his room in B. Leatherbury's home. Here we abode twenty-four hours, in the mean time, preaching at night, to a very good week-day congregation. There is a noble band of Baptists at this place. Pastor Bowen is very eloquent in speaking their praises. It is a *rebelle* church, and that is saying a great deal. We received some subscriptions at this place, and the promise that the Record should be properly represented. State Line is a place of considerable business.

Our next place of preaching was Shubuta, a town of eight hundred or a thousand inhabitants. The Baptists have a good church here, presided over by a good pastor, in the person of Eld. Luther Norris. We lodged here with Judge Norris, who though he is a minister of the law, always keeps a room for ministers of the gospel. Why should not the law and the gospel go together? Bro. Norris, the pastor, impressed us as a very earnest, pious man, and his wife as a real preacher's wife, though she says she does not feel that she is. He is sustained in his work by a good membership. We dined with Bro. Bowen at his house, and made the acquaintance of his wife and children.

Next to knowing our brethren in the ministry, we enjoy knowing their families.

After preaching at night, we slept a few hours, and took the train for Enterprise. Bro. J. M. Phillips, the young and growing pastor of the Baptist flock, met us at the train, and conducted us to his room in Bro. Wilson's home. A little sleep, a comforting breakfast, some talk with the family, worship, and we were off down town to see the brethren. Here we met quite a number of the Baptists, and enjoyed the morning very much, talking of things in general and particular. About some of the particular things, we could not agree, but that only proved that we were Baptists.

Eld. J. M. Phillips is one of the rising men of East Mississippi. He understands that ministers must study, and he does it. He has a good collection of books, and he uses them well. We were glad to know that Bro. P. will be at our coming Convention.

We took tea with one of our readers, Bro. Smith. We spent a pleasant hour with the family.

We met Eld. J. E. Brunson here, and had a pleasant interview with him. Bro. Brunson is a noble, outspoken man. He has been pastor of one church seventeen years, and says more than we can write for him.

We preached at night to an attentive congregation.

Saturday we spent with the brethren in Meridian. For the first time, we met Eld. W. B. Crampton, pastor of the church there. He is a quiet, open-hearted, practical man; one who means to do his duty and leave consequences to God.

No church in the State possibly has passed through such trials as the Meridian church. Some of the members were involved in the great Arson case which attracted such attention some time since. The insurance companies, to avoid the payment of heavy liabilities, brought suit against the owners of some burnt property for having instigated the burning of the property. To carry their point, every thing possible was done to array public opinion against the defendants. A venal public press did what it could to crush the church and everything that stood in the way of its object. The private character of Christians was unsparingly attacked and that, without the least opportunity of defense before the public. A malicious attempt was made to crush the counsel for the accused. During the storm, the hearts of many failed them, and some, perhaps, were ready to throw over-board the victims of these persecutions, and I give them to the fiendish teeth of these land sharks. But truth and right prevailed. The brethren were vindicated in court and out of it, and now the soulless insurance companies are put on the defensive for malicious prosecution. The church is pretty well united, as was manifested by the recent abortive attempt to divide it, and set up a second church in the interest of new ideas if not new men. Taking all together, the brethren say the outlook is more cheering than it has been for years.

We spent a pleasant hour in Bro. Hardy's Sunday-school. At the close we made a little talk. Morning and night we preached the best we could, to the church. We had a rather "good" time the Lord being with us. We met sister Crampton at her home, which is a preacher's home in more senses than one.

Meridian is a very important center of influence. It is the natural educational point for East Mississippi. Baptists must hold it for Christ and the denomination. With a united church, an efficient pastor, an excellent Female College and a high-school for boys yet to be supplied, we can hold the fort.

We understand that the *Southern Baptist* still prospers. It is very popular in this section. At many of the great many of them think the Record is their friend, and their editor not what they ought to be, and in this they are correct. The Lord helping us, we will make it so. The Record will improve, we received several letters, which we enjoyed, and will try to profit by. There is nothing like variety. But these excellent brethren and sisters are going to read the Record by and by. We thank them for their candor. Will not some of these good brethren write their objections to the Record and let us publish them. It has occurred to us that brethren are unfaithful to editors. If they agree with them, they will say so, but if they disapprove their course, they keep silence. That is not fair; it does not give us a fair chance to mend our ways. Brethren, while you feed us on sweetmeats, do give us a little of the essence of almonds for our soul's health. Neither children nor editors should have too much candy.

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about as follows: Two protracted meetings held; between forty and fifty professions of conversion; twenty or thirty additions to the churches by baptism; over five hundred dollars collected for missions. Ought we not to stop brother Walne from this sort of work?

"It will not be amiss to say that the outlook of the Record is brighter than heretofore, so far as this part of our State is concerned."—*O. D. Bowen, Senatobia*.

"In that article, I spelled precede wrong. Please correct. I don't know how I came to make such a mistake."—*J. T. Christian*. May be you did not make it. You spell well, brother.

Chips From the Gulf Coast Association.

In speaking of the missionary work of the Gulf Association, Eld. J. O. B. Lowrey said: "We have now touched the key-note, the question that demands our very right to exist." Question, "Has a church or Association a right to exist that does not evangelize?"

"I am an Alabamian from the crown of my head to the sole of my feet, but I am not any the less a Christian worker."—*J. O. B. Lowrey*. Yes, a man can be an Alabamian or Mississippian, and yet be an earnest Christian worker.

"We want men of high grade, but I do not wish it understood that we think only men of a certain grade can do good. When we look at the successful missionaries they are plain men. They are clad in coarse garments, but they went not alone to the work, God went with them, and great good was done."—*B. W. Bussy*. A very sound view.

Bro. Wilson reports an excellent state of feeling in his, the Coliseum Place, Church New Orleans.

As a matter of principle, I think it very well to elect brethren not ministers, to official positions in our religious bodies.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Coliseum Place church, New Orleans, raised about \$750 last year.

The Catholic priest at Mandeville, La., has publicly pronounced the Anthea upon Eld. W. C. Weymouth. The offense was preaching the word of God. Bro. Weymouth is in good health, and will baptize a Catholic in a week or two.

The Coast country is lovely, but it greatly needs a few mountains.

"All great enterprises have a center, and work from that center out."—*J. O. B. Lowrey*.

"The missionary work is a work first of the heart, and then of the hand. I am fond of telling experiences, and I think it is a very poor Christian that has not an experience. I heard of one man, however, that had an experience which he kept in his trunk. He changed to leave the trunk open, and when he went for his experience it was gone—the rats had eaten it up. A trunk is a bad place to carry an experience; better carry it in the heart."—*T. J. Walke*.

"If it were true that parents and children could enter into the kingdom of God, then, indeed, we must have been told, 'Ye must be born again.'"—*N. W. Wilson*.

"Authority, without qualification, is a poor thing. God never authorizes any one to do anything without qualifying him for that very thing."—*N. W. Wilson*.

"I do not believe that any man knows certainly what is taught in that Scripture, 'except a man be born of water and the spirit.'"—*N. W. Wilson*.

"Now, I say, my brethren, that Baptists ought to live like men who have been born again, and that a Baptist who does not live a godly life belies his profession."—*N. W. Wilson*.

